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Montana Contractors' Association News

Network, network, network...

We are all aware of the economic downturn and how scarce jobs are throughout the country. That's why it is so important that you take the time to attend the MCA Memorial Summer Outing in Billings on August 11-13. Networking opportunities with the heavy hitters in Montana's construction industry are few and far between - you don't want to miss this event!

In addition to the networking opportunities at social events, golf and shooting, there are several meetings scheduled where you can meet and network with all the players in the industry. The MCA's Building, Concrete, Sand and Gravel, Associates and CLC divisions are all meeting and discussing future opportunities across the state.

You have to pre-register for this event! Go to www.mtagc.org and click on the 2010 Summer Outing icon. Registration only takes a couple of moments, but the potential rewards are priceless!

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Attention: Summer Outing Shooters



The Blue Creek Sport Shooting Complex has offered to open the 5-Stand Friday morning, Aug. 12, at 8 a.m. Anyone shooting in Friday's tournament is welcome to come early and practice for no additional cost.

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Blue Creek Sport Shooting Complex yet, be ready for a treat! This is one of the nicest facilities around and only minutes from downtown Billings.

If you would like to participate in the shooting events at the MCA Memorial Summer Outing (Aug. 12 & 13) and you haven't

Good Help ISN'T Hard to Find

Meet Emilie Moore, the MCA's summer intern. Emilie's primary duties are assisting Maryann in preparation for the summer outing, and acting as the backup for Edie in the plans room.

Originally from Helena, Emilie is attending Baylor University in Texas, majoring in International Studies. So far, she thinks her MCA work experience is helping her learn business skills which will help her in any endeavor later on. She enjoys reading and running, and completed a half-marathon while at Baylor.



If you stop by or call the MCA, make sure you say hello to Emilie!

MCA Offers Online LEED Classes

The MCA, in coordination with the Colorado AGC chapter, is offering two LEED classes this summer. LEED GA (Green Associate) is designed to be taken over the internet in four, two-hour blocks on July 7, 14, 21 and 28. This course is suitable for GCs, PMs, superintendents, specialty contractors, developers, designers, and suppliers, and is the first step towards LEED accreditation. The course will be repeated in August.

LEED AP+BD&C replaces the LEED Accredited Professional track, and incorporates Building Design & Construction in the training. This BD & C specialty provides a standard for professionals participating in the design and construction phases of high-performance, healthful, durable, affordable, and environmentally sound commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings. The AP+ BD&C is now designated a Tier 2 Accreditation. This class will run on July 8, 15, 22 and 29. This course will also be repeated in August.

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www.mtagc.org and
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Stay Informed of New EPA Rules

Recent upgrades to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new "[Rulemaking Gateway](#)" offers small businesses "an easy way" to track most rulemakings, according to the Agency. This website provides an overview of EPA's priority rulemakings that are currently under development.

MCA urges members to stay informed of potential rule changes, in order to plan, train, and bid accordingly.

Header of the Week

Thanks to MCA Specialty Contractor member **Westwood Curtis Construction, Inc.** for this week's photo!

If you have a photo for the header, contact Keith at the MCA, keith@mtagc.org.

For more information or to register [click here](#) or go the MCA website and click on the training tab.



REMINDER! PAC Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!

ROI. Return On Investment. PAC Raffle tickets are an investment in the future of the construction industry in Montana. Money raised through the sale of raffle tickets will be used to help elect pro-business/pro-construction legislators to Montana's 62nd Legislature.

On the flip side, during the MCA's Memorial Summer Outing in August, your raffle ticket investment could net you a \$3000 gift card for first place; a \$1500 gift card for second place, and a \$500 gift card for third place!

Invest in your future by contributing to the MCA Contractors' PAC. Get involved and join the elite PAC Builders' Club and help us make a positive difference. A personal contribution of \$300 will get you a book of 20 tickets and make you an "Apprentice" member of the PAC Builders' Club. A \$1000 contribution makes you a "Journeyman" member. For a \$2500 contribution, you become a prestigious "Master Builder" member and for a \$5000 contribution you become a "Distinguished Master" member.

Call the MCA today to purchase your tickets!

Senator Tester Hosts Small Biz Workshop

Senator Tester will host a Small Business Opportunity Workshop in Kalispell in early July. The event will focus on entrepreneurship, access to capital (such as loans, grants, and tax credits), and marketing opportunities.

The Workshop will be on Friday, July 9th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the Flathead Valley Community College.

Expected participants in the workshop include:

- Montana Community Development Corporation

- Montana Department of Commerce
- Montana Economic Development Association
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Small Business Administration

Please [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

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